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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EAID, GB

SUBJECT: GABON ACCESS ROADS LOAN

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- EMBASSY REQUESTS AF/C MAKE AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE ARGUMENT THAT AID ALLOW FINAL DEADLINE DELAY TO JUNE 30, 1977.
- 2. WE FRANKLY NOT OPTIMISTIC TTHAT GABONESE CAN WORK OUT SNARLED UP KFW LOAN WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME, NOR CAN WE GURANTEE THAT KFW LOAN WILL EVERR BE SIGNED. NEVERTHELESS, AS REFTEL CORRECTLY POINTS OUT, POLITICAL ARGUEMENTS WHICH WERE BASIS FOR OUR FIGHT TO KEEP AID LOAN ARE STILL VALID. TO MINIMIZE POLITICAL IMPACT OF LOSING LOAN WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER GOG LAST WARNING AND DECENT INTERVAL FOR COMPLAINCE, BEFORE FINAL DEOBLIGATION.
- 3. WHILE WE HAVE STEADILY ADVISED GOG THAT OUR LOAN SUBJECT TO DEOBLIGATION SINCE IT WELL PAST DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PRECONDITIONS, FEEL SURE THAT GABONESE WOULD REACT TO ABRUPT CUTOFF NOW BY MAKING PLEA FOR ONE FINAL DEADLINE DELAY. THEREFORE, BELIEVE IT TO OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVANTAGE TO GO TO GOG PREPARED TO OFFER JUNE 30 AS LAST DATE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PRECONDITIONS, AFTER WHICH THERE WOULD BE NO HOPE OF SAVING ROADS LOAN. STEIGMAN

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